

Applicants also respectfully request that the above captioned application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 23-24 as follows:

C 1 23. A combination comprising glufosinate and a lignin sulfonate, wherein there is the formation of electrostatic interactions between these two components.

24. A method for suppressing antagonistic interactions during the application of agrochemically active compounds for controlling harmful plants, which process comprises applying the combination as claimed in claim 23 to the harmful plant.

REMARKS

The Office Action requires an election under 35 U.S.C. Section 121. Applicants have been asked to elect a specific agrochemical and a specific anionic polymer.

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, for further prosecution in this application, the species combination of glufosinate and a lignin sulfonate (see page 8, line 14 of the specification, wherein the lignin sulfonate Reax is disclosed).

However, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested in view of the remarks herewith.

The Examiner's attention is respectfully requested to MPEP to §808.2 which states, "even with patently distinct inventions, restriction is not (emphasis added) required unless one of the following reasons appears:

1. Separate classification;
2. Separate status in the art; or